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Bill Dickinson Small Claims That Slavery Among White Races Was Abolished When It Was Found That Some Men Weren't Worth 30 Cents

PEACE CONGRESS GETTING INTO LINE FOR WORK

Personnel of Great Historic
Gathering Is Forming

U. S. DELEGATES ON HAND

The Great Powers Will Each Have
Five Delegates, While Others Have
From One to Four.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The personnel of the peace congress is gradually taking form, so that the American delegates express the hope that the delegations will arrive for the actual commencement of the negotiations soon after the opening of the new year.

A number of the main details of the composition of the congress are now fairly well settled as a result of recent conferences. These indicate that the total membership of the congress will be between 100 and 120. There will be 27 countries represented by delegations, including those which declared war and a number which came into existence as a result of the war.

The great powers, notably, Great Britain, France and the United States and Italy, each have been allotted five delegates, while the other delegations will vary from one to four members, according to the size of the country and the interests involved.

Word has been received that the Belgian and Portuguese delegations soon will join the representatives of the United States, who thus far are the only members of the peace congress to arrive.

The non-arrival of the others has been the subject of considerable surprise and adverse comment, the Americans taking the ground that they are here ready to proceed to business but the personnel of the congress is not yet announced. It is understood that President Wilson's visit to England is likely to result in conveying quite differently the view that it is highly desirable that the congress should be put into motion with the least possible delay.

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FORMER CZAR OF RUSSIA IS AGAIN REPORTED ALIVE

Nephew of General Skoropadski
Is Positive About It

IS IN NEUTRAL COUNTRY

Accounts of Czar's Murder Were Manufactured by Trotsky and Lenin for Propaganda Purposes.

Warsaw, Tuesday, December 24.—"There is no doubt that the Czar and his entire family are alive. I am positive of this," was the declaration made to a correspondent today by Michael de Tchihacheff, nephew of General Skoropadski, and who has just escaped from Ukraine.

De Tchihacheff said he could not reveal the Czar's whereabouts, but it was in a neutral country and was known to an allied government. He said the accounts of the Czar's murder were manufactured by Trotsky and Lenin for propaganda purposes.

ATTY. O'BRIEN DENIES CHARGES

Files His Answer in Disbarment Proceedings.

Rutland, Dec. 25.—Attorney Ernest H. O'Brien of this city today filed with County Clerk George N. Harmon his answer in the disbarment proceedings brought against him in the Vermont Supreme Court by Attorney General H. G. Barber of Brattleboro. Mr. Barber charged that O'Brien had violated his oath as an attorney at law by giving false testimony in the case of George P. Eastman vs. the Vermont Marble Company, involving a boundary line at West Rutland and in a controversy in which Attorney B. H. Stickney of Rutland, as O'Brien's client, sought to recover an account from the estate of Josephine B. Holmes, his mother-in-law.

Mr. O'Brien makes a complete denial of all charges. He asserts that what he said about the finding of an alleged ancient document in the Eastman case and the plaintiff's counsel's lack of knowledge of its existence was true to the best of his knowledge. He denies that he knowingly permitted Mr. Stickney to introduce in evidence a falsified account. Mr. O'Brien asks that the state be compelled to prove its claims by evidence.

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MAY GO TO SIBERIA

Miss Vossler Has Opportunity for Overseas Service.

Miss Mathilde Vossler, a former recreation instructor for the Bennington Public Welfare association and who is in town for a few days, has been requested to become one of a contingent of Young Women's Christian association workers that is to soon leave this country for Siberia.

Since leaving Bennington Miss Vossler has been engaged with the association in its recreation work undertaken in connection with the war camps in the south. She has had headquarters in Richmond, Va., and in her work has covered a number of the southern states.

If she complies with conditions for service in Siberia it means that she will agree to be absent from America for a period of three years, if so desired. She has already passed the rigid physical examination required but has not made a decision. That three-year clause in the contract looks rather long. She may, however, conclude to undertake the work.

LOCAL BOARD ENROLLED

3,184 REGISTRANTS

Total Does Not Include Men Under Last Call Who Were Over 37 Years.

The Bennington county exemption board that recently closed its books classified 3,184 registrants during the period that it was in operation.

Naturally, the larger portion of the board's work that resulted in placing men in the ranks of the national army was transacted during the summer and early fall of 1917. From the June class of that year the board sent 420 accepted to camp. From the June class of 1918 were secured 54 and from the September class of the same year, 48.

In the classification about seventy-five men are listed as deserters but these were mostly registrants who failed to return questionnaires. The majority of them were men who were employed on lumber jobs in the mountains and who had no fixed place of abode.

And some were men who enlisted and were in the army but failed to file questionnaires as required by selective service rules.

The June class, 1917, consisted of 1,757 registrants, of these there were:

Limited service men	33
Remedial groups	5
Emergency fleet	2
General service	1,717
Deserters	65
Inducted and sent to camp	420
Total	533

The registrants of the June, 1917, class were classified as follows:

Class 1	533
Class 2	72
Class 3	4
Class 4	635
Class 5	477
Total	1,757

The June class of 1918, composed of young men who had reached the draft age since the first registration day was composed of 199. Of these there were:

General Service men	28
Limited service men	14
Remedial groups	5
Deserters	1
Inducted to camp	64
Total	102

The classification was as follows:

Class 1	102
Class 2	102
Class 3	4
Class 4	24
Class 5	2
Deceased and cancelled	2
Total	201

In the September class, 1918, there were 1,661 registrants between the ages of 19 and 36 years and 167 boys 18 years old.

During September, 1918, the board enrolled 2656 registrants of whom 1428 had passed their 37th birthday anniversaries and were not classified.

Of those between the ages of 19 and 36 there were:

General service men	165
Limited service men	55
Remedial groups	7
Deserters	1
Delinquents	1
Before board A	99
Inducted to camp	48
Total	386

The classification was as follows:

Class 1	386
Class 2	68
Class 3	28
Class 4	418
Class 5	161
Total	1,661

The 18 year old boys of the September class, 1918, were rated:

General service men	32
Limited service men	5
Before board	111
Total	148

The classification was as follows:

Class 1	148
Class 2	1
Class 3	1
Class 4	1
Class 5	1
Total	157

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NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of North Bennington, Vt., will be held at their banking house on Tuesday, the seventh day of January, 1919, at ten o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and for any other proper and necessary business.

Ralph A. Jones, Cashier.
Dated North Bennington, Vt., December 26, 1918.

GREAT VICTORY REVIEW OF OUR GRAND ARMADA

21 Great Warships in Holiday
Attire

HOSTS OF SMALL CRAFT

Secretary of Navy Daniels and Secretary of War Baker Witness the
Wonderful Spectacle.

New York, December 27.—Riding at anchor in the Hudson last night were 21 superdreadnoughts, dreadnoughts and ships of the line which, with cruisers, destroyers and a host of smaller craft, made the mightiest American armada ever assembled. Ten of the floating fortresses steamed into the harbor yesterday after months' service overseas with Beatty's grand fleet. The others are the flower of the north Atlantic fleet. Grim guardians of a great nation, they symbolized that the United States has become the second naval power of the world.

Moving at only 10 knots an hour the Arizona was the first dreadnought to pass the presidential yacht Mayflower, on whose bridge stood Mr. Daniels and Secretary of War Baker. While large flags masted, sailors and marines making the rails, the Arizona swept by striped for action. As she came abreast the Mayflower she thundered the salute of 19 guns for the secretary of the navy and her hand struck up "The Star Spangled Banner." A moment and she had faded again into the mist, leaving only an impression of great gray slides and massive gun turrets crested with snow.

The Arizona's guns had not finished their salute when the Oklahoma began firing and from then on the roar of the saluting guns was continuous. When the last dreadnought had steamed from sight, Secretaries Daniels and Baker descended from the bridge, but only for a while. While the Mayflower remained at anchor to give the incoming warships time to reach their berths in the Hudson before Secretary Daniels inspected the entire fleet at their anchorages, the British transport Saxonia, loaded with sick and wounded American troops, hove alongside. The heads of the navy and war departments again ascended to the bridge and doffed their hats to the fighting men.

Then, getting under way, the Mayflower moved along with the transport, and after a sailor had waved to the large vessel the compliments of both secretaries, the Saxonia's hand played "The Star Spangled Banner." Instantly those aboard the Saxonia who were able to stand, came to attention and then, at the end of the anthem, broke into a prolonged cheer.

It was a stern array of ships, despite the splendor of the flags with which they were decorated. All the battleships wore coats of sinister gray while destroyers and auxiliaries bore the fantastic touch of the camouflage.

Exclusive of all except battleships, the tonnage of the fighting craft now in the Hudson amounts to 424,822. The 10 homecoming craft had a tonnage of 268,000. Not counting guns of smaller caliber, the battleships alone carry a total of 88 14-inch guns, 20 13-inch guns and 56 12-inch guns. The Mississippi, New Mexico and other dreadnoughts made the battleships which were the last word in naval architecture only a few years ago, seem puny craft, hulk as they are.

In inspecting the vessels the Mayflower made a run of nearly 10 miles before she finally dropped anchor at the berth she had left in the morning. Immediately she was surrounded by a fleet of gigs bearing admirals, vice-admirals, rear-admirals and captains to pay their respects to Secretary Daniels and Vice-Admiral A. W. Grant of the home fleet who arranged the day's program.

Last night a remarkable spectacle was staged on the Hudson. Each ship was brilliantly illuminated with electric lights, making the river a sea of fire for more than six miles. The New York shore was ablaze with roman candles set in place by the city's chieftains of welcome, and overhead burst thousands of rockets.

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LOCAL OVERFLOW

Patrick McLeod of Greenwich is visiting in the village.

Men's heavy trousers, \$2.39 to \$6.50 at the Estate of Joe Levin. Adv.

Arthur Russell has been discharged from the service and has returned home.

Henry MacLaron has returned from Albany where he has been visiting a sister.

Ladies' and children's wool toques and scarf sets at cut prices at Novack's. Adv. 8312

Men's sheep-lined coats at special price reductions at the Estate of Joe Levin. Adv.

Rev. E. H. Brown of Troy, N. Y., will preach at the White Chapel Sunday at 3 p. m.

Ladies' and Misses' serge and silk dresses at greatly reduced prices at Novack's. Adv. 8312

Preparing for inventory sale at Novack's. Mostly everything in the store is price cut. Adv. 8312

Inks, mucilage, paste, office supplies, everything to start off the New Year at Evans'. Adv.

Floyd Whitman, who was home for Christmas, left Thursday night on his return to Camp Meade.

Roy Macomber, who has been in town for a few days, left Thursday evening on his return to Pelham Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McDermott, who were in town for Christmas, returned to Pittsfield Thursday evening.

Having purchased a dairy of cows, I am prepared to deliver milk to customers in town upon request. Tel. 173-4, Fred Foster.

Diaries, Line-a-day books, ledgers, day books, calendar pads, letter files, etc., at Evans'. Adv.

Miss Ruth Hall, a teacher in the public schools at Webster, Mass., has been the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Samuel H. Hall of Old Bennington.

Mrs. Charles E. Welles and son of Old Bennington, who were Christmas guests of Mrs. Welles' sister, Mrs. R. C. Reynolds of Troy, returned Thursday evening.

Paul Cronin of Hoosick Falls was in town Thursday. He has not been discharged from the service. He and Frank Brazil of this village were attached to the same unit.

Coming to the Hart Theatre tomorrow Gloria Swanson and J. Barney Sherry in "Her Decision", chapter No. 5 of "Wolves of Kultur" and a Mut & Jeff comedy. Adv.

Miss Louise Crathern, who attends Miss Wheelock's school in Boston, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Hill Crathern in Old Bennington.

Miss Ella Kenney has returned to her home in the west part of the town after spending a two weeks visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Anna Robinson of South Shaftsbury.

George M. Cohan in the big special Aircraft production "Hit-the-Trail Holiday", the tale of a Yank who fought with a smile on his lips and Pathe News at Hart Theatre today. Adv.

Don't fail to see George M. Cohan in his own famous play, "Hit-the-Trail Holiday", the great American Patriotic comedy and Pathe News at Hart Theatre today. Adv.

Those who wish to play cards this evening at the Christmas dance may start the game early in the evening. Dancing will begin at 9 o'clock but the card games may commence sooner.

Eight tables of cards have already been signed up and there will be more tables arranged for others who may wish to play rather than dance at the Christmas party this evening.

Nicholas Morrissey, who has been in a hospital in New York for several weeks with a broken finger is passing a leave of absence at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Morrissey of Washington street.

Removal Notice—On January first we will move to our new store, Walbridge building 529 Main St., corner Valentine where we will be able to offer better merchandise, better service and low prices. Home Furniture Co. Adv. 9114

Each class in the Sunday school has been asked to do some stunt at the gathering tonight in the Methodist church. All connected with the church and congregation are invited to attend and enjoy the fun.

Lieut. W. Leroy Bates, who passed Christmas at the home of his parents, Columbia, S. C. He was accompanied by his father who goes to Washington, D. C., on business.

Rev. C. F. Hill Crathern having left town today to engage in Y. M. C. A. work in France, the preaching service will be omitted at the First Congregational church, Old Bennington on next Sunday the 29th inst. It is expected, however, that services will be held as usual on the following Sunday. The Sunday school will meet as usual next Sunday at 10 a. m.

The Bennington Lodge of Elks are making special effort to make their annual banquet to be held on New Year's Eve the best ever held by the lodge, they have engaged special vaudeville from New York, and the supper is to be under the supervision of Mr. Cook chef at Putnam House. Tickets are \$2.00 and may be obtained at Lodge room or from members of House Committee.

Street Commissioner Crawford has succeeded in securing two carloads of cinders that will be applied to the highway on Weeks street. The street department has experienced considerable difficulty in securing material for resurfacing the streets in locations where the highway has been torn up by traffic. There is no frost in the ground at present and the roads in all directions are in bad condition because of this fact.

CROWD OF TWO MILLION PEOPLE CHEER WILSON

London Gives Great Demonstration for Guest

PREMIER GEORGE CALLS

Mrs. Wilson Entertained at Small Luncheon Party by Countess of Reading.

London, Dec. 27.—The President's conference with Premier Lloyd George and foreign secretary Balfour lasted until 1.30, when the conferees left in separate motor cars for the premier's residence in Downing street where luncheon in Mr. Wilson's honor was given.

As soon as the President's car turned into Downing street a great cheer was raised by the waiting crowds which surged past the police and around the President's car. President Wilson, smiling genially, bowed and raised his hat. The crowd called for a speech, but Mr. Wilson, with a wave of his hand, disappeared into the house.

London, Dec. 27.—Premier Lloyd George, accompanied by Sir Maurice Hankey, secretary to the committee on imperial defense, arrived at Buckingham palace at 10.30 this morning for a conference with President Wilson.

There were a number of American callers and the Duke of Connaught and Sir Richard Herschell visited the palace before the arrival of the Premier. A. J. Balfour, secretary of state for foreign affairs, walked over from the foreign office to attend the conference. Mrs. Wilson was entertained at a small luncheon party today by the Countess of Reading.

London, Dec. 26.—The great moment of President Wilson's first day in England was when he stood with the king and queen and Mrs. Wilson in the balcony of Buckingham palace today, facing a multitude which stretched clear down the Mall to the admiralty half-a-mile distant, and overflowed St. James' park on one side and Green park on the other.

Only a corporal's guard could hear the president's brief speech but the people demanded that he show himself and gave him a greeting more clamorous than any other guest of the nation has commanded within the history of the oldest Londoners.

The day's events constituted a tribute to the president of the United States which will be historic. The official ceremonies—a reception by the Dover corporation and the navy, the welcome at the station by the royal family and the chief officials of the empire and the state progress through the heart of London—were colored with touches of medieval pageantry, even to the crimson coated beef-eaters from the tower, bearing halberds, which the British people cherish.

That the central figure of the royal procession in quaint state carriages, attended by a military escort and household officials, should be a civilian wearing a black coat and silk hat, gave a flavor of novelty to the scene.

But the assembling of the people was spontaneous. That was the chief note of the day. There had been no time to erect stands and windows were not advertised for rent. The people simply flocked in from all quarters afoot in motors and other vehicles, carrying flags and their lunches, and standing for hours in the cold for a chance to get a sight of the president.

It is estimated that 2,000,000 people crowded the two miles of streets through which the state procession passed. These were canopied with flags and bunting and amid the thundering of the saluting cannon, the president of the United States received a popular welcome almost unprecedented in history.

London, Dec. 26.—When King George shook hands with President Wilson as the president arrived, he said: "I am very glad to welcome you to England."

"I am very happy to come," the president replied.

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More Than Three Million Investigations Have Been Conducted by It During War.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Dissolution of the American Protective League, with its membership of 250,000, and branch organizations in nearly every city and town in the country, effective February 1, was announced today by the league directors. Decision to break up the organization, said a statement issued by the directors was reached after conference with department of justice officials.

Attorney General Gregory in a letter written shortly after the armistice was signed asked that the organization which was formed shortly after relations were severed with Germany and which the attorney general said has performed a great task, continue its activities during the period of readjustment. A canvass of the situation, the statement says, resulted in an agreement to disband February 1.

With the coming of peace, the statement declares there "is no peace for organized citizen espionage." Men who devoted much time and effort to the purposes of the league, said the statement, now desire to take their place in the constructive work of peace. The return of peace would soon render the problem of finance acute, the directors believe and many local organizations would be forced to suspend.

Although the league will disband, the directors' statement expresses a belief that the "service of the league will not end but it will remain a potent force," through the training received by its members during the war.

More than three million investigations are said to have been conducted by the league, during the war, for the department of justice, military intelligence, provost general's office, the state, navy and treasury departments, the food and fuel administrations, the alien property custodian and other governmental bodies.

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